to inform me that he and his fellow officer, &c., had sailed some days before. I had, however, applied to the commissioners at Paris on the subject, and was assured that there was not the slightest truth in the report.

September zxst, 1797.

You will learn, before this letter reaches you, that I am recalled. No reason is stated, but I conclude I shall have further intelligence shortly.

The ministers do not seem willing to avow their motives for displacing me. It is impossible that Nepean can be ignorant of the cause of my recall, of my enemies, or of the manner in which my business has been concluded. There are no steps taken for the acceptation of my successor, or even for the release of Sir Sidney. I am overwhelmed with letters. The exchange is in jeopardy, and our prisoners are sent up from Nantes to Angers.

Eugenie writes that she has at length determined to give her hand to M. de la Verriere Montreuil, who has been soliciting it for

several
years. He is, unfortunately, upon
crutches, but
that is of no consequence to a French
wife. He